



# Weekly Newsletter



## Belonging

As we welcome our children and families back to school for the start of the new academic year, we have chosen to develop the idea of Belonging this week. We kicked this off with an assembly where we thought about what it means to Belong somewhere and in particular, how we all belong to Sandiway Primary School.

Over the first few days, we have been settling back into the school routine with an arts and writing project to develop the ideas of belonging to our family, our school, our community, our country and our world (through both an environmental and diversity lens). We will be displaying the work produced in our entrance hall over the next few days.

## Golden Mile

Thanks to our amazing PTA and Mike Casey from MCK Groundworks, We have been incredibly fortunate to have had our Golden Mile widened and resurfaced over the summer holidays. This will mean the children have access to the walking/running track in all weathers and throughout the year.

As well as during playtimes and lunchtimes, children also use this area within lesson times to reset and have a quick movement break so it really is a valuable resource. This has been a project, we have been hoping to action for a long time so we are incredibly grateful for all concerned in the refurbishment of this area- it looks fantastic!

## PTA AGM

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm at school. Everyone is invited and we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible. We will be looking at the previous year and planning for the year ahead. We really do need as much support as you can offer to continue the amazing work the PTA have done over the last few years. Come along and join us in our mission to enrich the children's experience at Sandiway.





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## New Parents / Families Coffee Morning



We will be holding a welcome to school coffee morning on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September between 9am and 10am. It is intended as an opportunity for new families to meet one and other and come in to school, getting to know us too. If you are new to school or have a child starting in Reception this year and are available, we would love to welcome you in.

## Welcome to Year Group Meetings



As a reminder, we will be holding our annual 'Class Welcome Meetings' on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a presentation from all class teachers in their classrooms at both 3:30 and 4:30. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your children's new teachers and gain more understanding of what is in store for them over the upcoming year. We hope to see as many people as possible during these sessions.

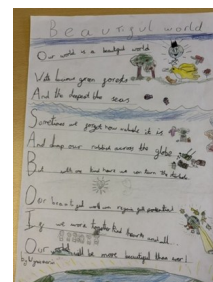
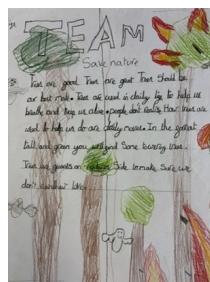
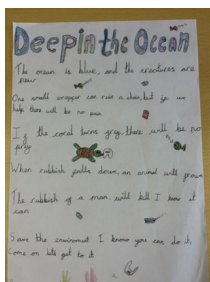
## Governance

We are looking for willing volunteers to become co-opted governors on our Local Academy Board. We have a good representation of parent Governors so are looking for other people with skills in either education, legal, HR or finance.

If you know anyone who would be interested in taking on this role for Sandiway, please do get in touch with Emma Zouhbi (Chair of our LGB) on [ezouhbi@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:ezouhbi@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Storyhouse

Again, thanks to the funding from our PTA, we are able to continue to work in partnership with the Storyhouse in Chester this year. We will continue to work on developing oracy skills through poetry. This half term Year 1 and Year 3 will enjoy their Storyhouse sessions each Wednesday morning with Elenka. Here are a few examples of poems created by Year 4 children last year:





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## Forest School

This half term, Year 3 will enjoy their Forest School Sessions with Mr Coleclough and Mrs Richardson. These sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons. Just a reminder, we ask children to wear PE school uniform (long trousers like joggers or leggings where possible) and provide wellies and waterproof jacket and trousers as sessions tend to continue on all weathers.

## Homework and Reading

Homework will start formally next week, with the first homework being set via Seesaw on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Class teachers will issue children with their first reading books over the next few days. Please keep up with reading and Times Table Rock Stars for children in Y3-6.

## Autumn Term 1 PE Days

Just in case you need a reminder:



| Year Group | Days PE kit is required               |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Reception  | Tuesday and Thursday                  |
| Year 1     | Monday and Thursday                   |
| Year 2     | Tuesday and Friday                    |
| Year 3     | Tuesday (Forest School) and Wednesday |
| Year 4     | Wednesday (swimming Kit) and Thursday |
| Year 5     | Tuesday and Friday                    |
| Year 6     | Thursday and Friday                   |



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## Reading Volunteers and Library Visits

We are looking to invite volunteers into school to regularly read with children. If you or a member of your family (perhaps a grandparent with a little bit of time) have time to give on a weekly basis we would love to hear from you. We have a number of existing volunteers who do a fantastic job but we would like a few more if possible!



Miss Kennedy, as our English Reading Lead teacher, is also working on the possibility of our children regularly visiting the library in Sandiway. Again, we would need volunteers over a Friday afternoon to walk with the children to the library and back a couple of times to allow two classes to visit each week. If you feel you could support us with this, please do get in touch. We are excited at the prospect of getting this up and running as soon as we possibly can.

We would need to do a DBS safeguarding check prior to starting but this can be completed quite swiftly. If you would be interested in either reading with children or escorting them to the library with their classes, please contact Miss Kennedy via [admin@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk) and she will get back in touch with you as soon as possible.

